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SUBJECT: AMBASSADOR STOESSEL PARTICIPATION CALIFORNIA

FOREIGN POLICY CONFERENCES JAN. 23-24.

1. DEPARTMENT HAS ACCEPTED INVITATIONS TO CO-SPONSOR MAJOR REGIONAL FOREIGN POLICY CONFERENCES BACK-TO-BACK IN SAN DIEGO (JANUARY 23) AND LOS ANGELES (JANUARY 24) JOINTLY WITH THE WORLD AFFAIRS COUNCIL IN EACH CITY. EACH CONFERENCE WILL FEATURE SENIOR DEPARTMENT SPEAKERS ON THEMES OF DETENTE AND OF ECONOMIC INTERDEPENDENCE. THE LOS ANGELES COUNCIL HAS SPECIFICALLY REQUESTED YOUR APPEARANCE AND OFFERED TO PAY ALL TRANSPORTATION EXPENSES TO AND FROM THE U.S. SAN DIEGO WOULD ALSO BE DELIGHTED IF YOU COULD PARTICIPATE.

2. FULLY REALIZE THAT YOUR RESPONSIBILITIES MAY PRECLUDE YOUR ACCEPTANCE. BUT IF CIRCUMSTANCES WILL PERMIT YOUR ABSENCE FROM POST FOR A FEW DAYS, CAN ASSURE YOU OF OPPORTUNITY TO MAKE A SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTION TO SECRETARY'S GOAL OF STRENGTHENING DOMESTIC DIALOGUE AND DEVELOPING CONSENSUS ON FOREIGN POLICY.

3. SHOULD YOU RETURN FOR JAN. 23-24 CONFERENCES, WE WOULD HOPE YOU COULD ALSO STAY LONG ENOUGH TO ACCEPT SUITABLE PLATFORMS AND COLLATERAL MEETINGS WITH SMALL GROUPS OF LEADERS IN AT LEAST ONE OTHER REGIONAL CENTER SUCH AS

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SEATTLE OR CHICAGO WHERE INTEREST IN U.S.-SOVIET RELATIONSHIP IS STRONG. IN THIS CASE, PLEASE INDICATE MAXIMUM TIME YOU CAN CONTEMPLATE, AND WE WILL EXPLORE OTHER POSSIBILITIES AND PROPOSE SCHEDULE TO YOU. KISSINGER

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